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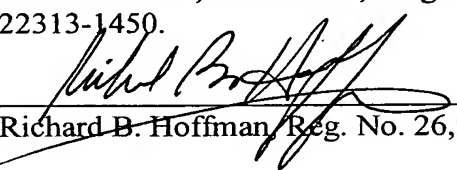
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 9, 2004, regarding the restriction requirement raised therein, this is to advise that the Applicant has already previously responded to a similar restriction requirement, as issued by the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, as follows:

(a) In a Response to Restriction Requirement, as mailed to the Patent Office on September 12, 2003; and

(b) Subsequent to receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Paper No. 9), mailed December 1, 2003, in a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, as mailed to the Patent Office on December 11, 2003.

REMARKS

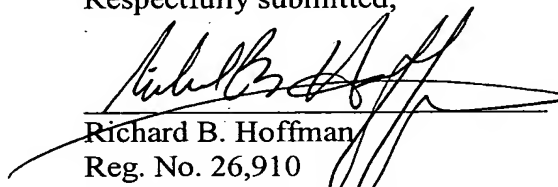
Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully reminded that Applicant has previously elected claims 1-15, and withdrawn claims 16-22. Thus, substantive examination is now



requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or desires to have duplicate file copies of the two above-noted responses by Applicant forwarded to him, so as to complete the U.S. PTO's file regarding same, kindly telephone the undersigned at (312) 474-6300.

Applicant believes that no fees are necessary with this response; however, should any fees be required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,



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